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To: Eileen Donoghue *ED*
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From: Raymond Kelly Richardson
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Date: July 24, 2019

Re: Council Response

7/23/19 – Motion by Councilor Cirillo – Request the City Manager work with the Lowell Police Department to provide the City Council with a vandalism report on the bikeshare program bikes and distribute the VeoRide vandalism statement to the community.

Since April, 2019, the Lowell Police Department has received twenty reports of vandalism related to the VeoRide Bike Share Program. The reports indicate that vandalism has occurred in various sections of the City including, Downtown, Highlands, Belvidere and the Acre. The largest concentration of incidents are in the Centerville section of the City. As of this writing, the department has charged one individual with theft and damage to a VeoRide bicycle.

The department continues to work with the company's area Director Ezra Richardson in an effort to identify and charge the individuals damaging the bicycles. District Responses Officers that are assigned in the various neighborhoods have been assisting the ongoing issue. Their efforts will continue.

As of now, the City Manager's office has inquired with VeoRide to determine whether any damage has occurred to their bicycles that was not reported to the police, and are still awaiting a response. We will update the council with any further relevant information as it comes to our office.

